

CONGER SHUT UP IN PEKING WITH HIS FAMILY SINCE JUNE 10

Harrowing Experience of Our Minister, Who, with Other Envoys, Was Lost to View for Weeks.

The last message by wire from Minister Conger before the Boxers cut Peking off from the civilized world was dated June 9. This was subsequent to the arrival of the marine sent from the Newark to guard the United States Legation.

In that message Minister Conger declared that the situation was steadily growing worse, and as a result of the communication two more American warships were ordered to Taku, the gunboat Nashville and the old Monocacy.

The Boxers then cut the wires, but about June 1, Mr. Conger managed to get a message out of the beleaguered city by courier.

This was absolutely the last word received from the United States representative until today. He had then recognized the danger to himself and the other foreigners and called for two thousand troops.

The courier who brought Mr. Conger's message to Tientsin reported that the Boxers were intrenching outside of Peking and were preparing to oppose the advance of the relief column that was then on the way from Tientsin.

APPEAL FOR AID.

Up to the latter part of May Mr. Conger, as well as the other Ministers, had not been aroused to their danger. They thought that the Chinese Government was really trying to suppress the Boxers, and that they were entirely equal to the task.

But when Government troops were defeated by Boxers right in the suburbs of Peking itself about May 26, Minister Conger hurriedly called for protection.

His call was responded to by Admiral Kempff, who sent ashore 108 marines, with a machine gun and a field gun on May 29.

At the same time 100 men each were landed from British, Japanese, German, Italian, Russian and French warships then at Taku.

The arrival of these guards at the legations was reported by Minister Conger on June 1 to the State Department at Washington. He declared that their presence had greatly improved the situation.

HIS LAST MESSAGE.

June 5 the first fighting had taken place at Tientsin between the Boxers and the Russians. Then came the landing of more troops; the preparations for the attempt to break through to Peking from Tientsin, and the starting of the column under Admiral Seymour followed by the last message from Minister Conger.

The next startling news that reached the outside world was that the Chancellor of the Japanese Legation had been set on and murdered by the body-guard of the Empress Dowager near the Manjiate railroad station. This occurred June 12, but the news did not get out for days.

The murder of the Japanese Chancellor was followed by the burning of the Summer home of Sir Claude MacDonald, the British Minister.

At the same time came word that 100,000 Chinese troops had assembled outside the walls of Peking to oppose Seymour's column.

Meantime the column had reached Langfang, thirty miles from Peking, where it was stopped by finding the railroad completely destroyed.

VON KETTELER'S DEATH.

On June 16 the German Minister, Baron von Ketteler, was murdered in the streets of Peking while on his way to the Chinese Foreign Office.

Next day the Chinese troops swept

down from Peking behind the relief column and cut their lines of communication with Tientsin.

A tremendous sensation was caused by both events. Troops were hurried up to Tientsin to prepare for an attack there.

On the day the railroad was cut the foreign admirals, excepting Admiral Kempff, ordered the Chinese troops at Taku to evacuate the forts. They feared that the ships might be cut off from Tientsin.

The forts opened fire at 2 o'clock next morning and after a fierce bombardment were partly demolished and then carried by assault by the international troops.

Meantime Seymour's column was practically lost. The Chinese miles behind it, poured down on Tientsin and bombarded the foreign troops there.

On June 22 the Foreign Ministers were reported safe, but Peking in a condition of anarchy.

SAVED JUST IN TIME.

On June 25 8,000 allied troops entered Tientsin in the nick of time to save the garrison.

A column pushed on toward Peking to look for the lost relief column. Rumors that the legations had been sacked reached the coast. Seymour's column, surrounded by the Chinese, was relieved on June 26. It had lost over 200 men and had to make a desperate retreat after fighting for fifteen days.

Then, on July 4, the terrible silence was broken by a despairing message from Sir Robert Hart, the Director of Imperial Customs.

A DESPERATE STAND.

Sir Robert begged for speedy aid, declaring that the foreigners were battling incessantly with the mobs, and were on the night of June 24, when the courier starved, making a desperate stand in the inclosure of the British Legation.

Sir Robert Hart succeeded in getting another message through the lines dated June 25, which reached the outside world on July 5. It said that Chinese troops were shelling the British Legation, where all the members of the diplomatic body were congregated.

For a week not a word came from the Chinese capital.

Then around the native quarters of Shanghai a terrible story of a massacre was whispered.

Officials said that word had been received that on the night of July 6 a final attack had been made on the legations and that on the morning of July 7 the Chinese fanatics, swarming through breaches in the walls of the British Legation, made by Chinese artillery, had overwhelmed the foreigners and slain all but two.

On July 13 Chinese officials at Shanghai gave out a report confirming the story of the alleged massacre.

Next day a St. Petersburg despatch announced that the Russian Minister at Peking had been thrown into a caldron of boiling water and that his wife and the members of his staff had been put to death in the most terrible fashion.

FREE CUBA ON OCT. 15.

Constitutional Convention to Be Held on That Day.

WASHINGTON, July 20. The President and Gen. Wood have agreed on Sept. 15 as the time for holding the election in Cuba for delegates to the Constitutional Convention that is to be called for the purpose of formulating a constitution for an independent government for Cuba.

The original plan was to have the election take place in October, but, since there is a change in the plans, the election will take place on the 15th of September.

On the return of Gen. Wood to Cuba he will confer with the leaders of the Cuban people as to the details of the election and as to what restrictions, if any, should be placed upon universal suffrage in the island.

It is hoped that the Constitutional Convention will be held as early as Oct. 15.

NO AMERICANS SLAIN.

At the offices of the various boards of foreign missions in this city, it was stated today that the American churches have no missionaries in Taiwan. That island is covered by the Church of England.



THE UNITED STATES LEGATION IN PEKING.

ALL ALIVE ON JULY 11.

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Fowler wired the Governor of Shanghai, demanding to know the truth. The Governor replied that his courier had left Peking on the 11th, that the Ministers were then alive, but that Peking, east city, had been broken into with intent to kill by rebels.

State Department officials say that unless the Chinese are to be credited

with superhuman ingenuity the Conger despatches are authentic. Later in the day the Secretary of State received a second despatch from the United States Consul at Chefoo dated the night of July 20, in which Mr. Fowler communicates a message telegraphed to him on that day by the Governor of Shan-

tung as follows:

"I have just received definite information that the various Ministers in Peking are well and the proper Chinese authorities are devising measures for their rescue and protection."

This telegram is signed by Yuan, Governor of Shantung.

LONDON IS DOUBTFUL.

LONDON, July 20.—Minister Conger's message to the State Department at Washington is not regarded here as justifying overmuch optimism, but on the contrary is generally accepted as a further Chinese attempt at mystification.

Some think the fact that the mes-

sage is undated and the similarity of its content to Sir Robert Hart's message of June 24 suggest that it was sent off about the same time but intercepted by the Chinese.

The sceptical are confirmed in their suspicions by the fact that a message was received by M. Delcasse, the

French Minister of Foreign Affairs, today through the Chinese Minister at Paris, purporting to come from the Emperor, asking France's mediation with the powers.

This message, it is alleged, was dated July 15, and makes no mention of the foreign legations at Peking.

CABINET JOY OVER CONGER.

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tion's plans except to pour all branches of the service to greater activity.

M'KINLEY GETS THE NEWS.

Despatch Concerning Conger Shown to the President at His Home.

CANTON, O., July 20.—The President's first news of Minister Conger's despatch was handed him the instant he left the train by the Associated Press correspondents.

Scanning the bulletin, he gave evidence of pleasure at the news. Later when the State Department's statement reached him, adding strength to the genuineness of the news, he was more visibly gratified.

Those near the President have known for days past that he has never given up hope that Minister Conger was alive.

After the President had read all the news which followed the first bulletin he started for a drive with Mrs. McKinley over the country roads.

OUTBREAK IN CANTON.

Soldiers Attacked American Missionaries, Killing One, the Foreign Devoutly Rehearsed.

CANTON, July 20.—Trouble is already beginning now that Li Hong Chang has departed.

Soldiers have assaulted an American medical missionary. They attacked him on the street, crying "Kill the foreign devils."

A number of the soldiers were arrested and six of them have been sentenced. This may lead to further outbreaks.

CHINA CAUSE DELAY.

Messages on Northern Route to Japan Only Accepted at Sender's Risk Now.

The Commercial Cable Company sent out the following notice regarding the Far Eastern telegraphic service:

"Owing to delay on the northern route to Japan, messages are only accepted at sender's risk.

"The eastern route is working with normal delay."

Vacationists and tourists can get all necessary summer resort information at The World's Vacation Bureau, Thirty-sixth street and Broadway. The services are gratuitous and the resort literature is free.

AWFUL DETAILS OF MASSACRE IN SHANSI OF 60 WHITES.

LONDON, July 20.—To add to the gloom occasioned by the various news showing the developing strength of the anti-foreign movement in the South of China, comes today from Shanghai a report that sixty missionaries and 10 native converts have been massacred at Tai-Yuan.

This tends to confirm the belief that the hope that the Central and Southern Vice-regencies would hold aloof from the "Boxer" rising has never had much foundation. This massacre in the province of Shansi shows there can be little question that the intense hostility for the safety of the international communities at the river ports and even at Shanghai, is fully justified, for an attack after by the masses of Chinese gathering in and about the international communities would mean horrors compared with which the massacre at Peking would be insignificant.

The rumor is again current in Shanghai that the Empress and Emperor are preparing to retire from the capital to See-Na-Lo.

The authorities at St. Petersburg are notified that the message for the relief of Harbin (which is identical with Charbin) will be successful.

With a view to showing his good faith, the Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg has begged the Russian Foreign Secretary to examine all despatches arriving for the legation before their delivery.

A Hongkong despatch reports a daring act of piracy within the harbor there. A score of pirates armed with revolvers seized a launch and took it up the Canton River, capturing two junks on route. After looting the craft the pirates abandoned them.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday, July 21, for New York City and vicinity:

Showers and thunderstorms to-night and Saturday. Fresh southerly winds.

WU TALKS OF MESSAGE.

(Special to The World.)

WASHINGTON, July 20.—"I am overjoyed," said Wu Tingfang to an Evening World reporter today, as he left the State Department after submitting to Secretary Hay the cipher despatch from Minister Conger.

"It does not seem to me that there is now any doubt that the American Minister and all the other legations are alive, for the despatch from Minister Conger was dated only two days ago."

"If they are alive it shows that there is still a government in China and reduces the situation to the perfectly plain one of rescuing the foreigners imprisoned in Peking from the mob that seems to be in control."

"I have contended all along that the foreigners were safe, although I did look at times as if there was no hope. The State Department accepts the Conger despatch as authentic and I am sure it is."

"It corroborates my previous despatches from Peking and shows that the Chinese Government is doing every thing it can to relieve the situation."

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11,000 Pairs of Russet Button and Lace Shoes for Women. Taken from our Stand-ard Stock on Main Floor. First Grade Goods, Hand Sewed. Regular Stock Prices, \$1.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00. To be sold at \$2.00 Per Pair! All sizes and widths, all guaranteed.

1,000 Pairs Men's Russia Calf Welt Sole Lace Shoes, at \$2.00 Per Pair. These are great value, too, at the price, and will give as good service as shoes that cost more than twice as much elsewhere.

Those desiring these goods should be prompt, as undoubtedly the rush will be great.

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Summer Suits. 300 Suits—our regular \$18, \$15, \$12.50 quality; only one, two or three of a pattern. \$8.00
All \$15.00 and \$12.50 Cheviot, Worsted and
Homespun Suits, now at
All \$15.00 and \$12.50 Worsteds, Striped and
Checked Suits, now at
All \$12.50 and \$10.00 Imported Velour and
Tweed Suits, now at
All \$7.50 and \$5.00 suits, the very finest im-
ported materials, some silk-lined, made and
trimmed better than your tailor will make
for twice the money, now at
Serge Suits. Fine light-weight quiet Serge are a
warm weather luxury. Byck Bros.
Serge are guaranteed fast color,
no matter at what price.
All \$12.50 and \$10.00 Serge, now at
All \$10.00 and \$7.50 Serge, now at
All \$7.50 and \$5.00 Serge, now at
All our best Serge, side lined, made and
trimmed better than your tailor will make
for twice the money, now at
Striped Flannels, \$6.85, \$8.65, \$11.90

Top Coats. If it doesn't make much difference whether your Top Coat was made for the spring of 1900 or for the fall of 1900, here is your best chance for investment.
All our Top Coats made to sell at \$20.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00, now at
Byck Bros. finest Top Coats, \$27.50, \$25.00 and \$22.50, quality, now at
Trousers. You have worn our trousers; you know they are shapely and full of style, and the patterns show taste and careful selection.
All \$10.00 light striped Worsted Trousers, now at
All \$10.00 and \$8.00 Trousers, now at
All \$10.00, \$8.00 and \$6.00 Trousers, now at
Furnishings. All the year round our bright and busy Furnishings Department attracts passers-by. That department will be a strong magnet during this sale.

MANHATTAN SHIRTS. The \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50 grades, attached and detached cuffs, white, tan and blue, all this year's patterns at
Shoe Department. \$4.00, \$3.50 and \$3.00 Shoes—Patent Leathers, Vic Kid, Russia Leather, Last, Button and Oxford Ties, all at the one price.
Hat Department. Just two prices in Straw Hats. All \$2.00 and \$1.50 Hats at 83c. All \$1.50, \$1.00 and \$2.50 Hats at 69c. Regular methods prevail during this sale. Courteous and proper attention to all goods subject to return for any cause whatever. Necessary alterations free of charge.

OUR COLLARS AND CUFFS, known by everybody and worn by thousands, men as well as women wear our collars—size from 12 to 30. During sale we will sell our Collars at
Serge's Elastic Neck Jean Ties, sold every where at \$1.00, our price during sale, 69c
Collars at 8c
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UNDERWEAR. "Orie" Fancy Ballerina Underwear, tailor-made, regular 25c, quality, during sale, 39c
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